

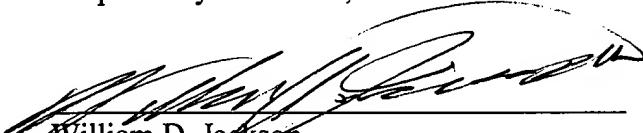
REMARKS

The foregoing amendment incorporates the subject matter of independent claim 37 into dependent claim 17, revising claim 17 to independent form. Claim 37 has been cancelled. Thus, all of the claims in the application now specifically call for a hydrogenation procedure as set forth originally in claim 17 and as also set forth in independent claim 20.

The foregoing amendment raises no new issues requiring search or consideration since claim 17, now in independent form, is exactly commensurate in scope with previous dependent claim 17 and dependent claims 18 and 19 are likewise identical in scope. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.116.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP Deposit Account No. 12-1781 for any fees due in connection with this amendment.

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